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Late News

The 70th congress convened today in Washington with several clashes looming up in the senate over the seating of one or two senators. Congressman Bulwinkle, representative of this district, has been in Washington for several days.

The cost of an automobile license for the new model Ford will be the same as for the old, according to an announcement from the state bureau in reply to numerous queries received about the price.

The two county boards, commissioners and educational heads, are holding their usual monthly meetings here today with very little of public importance being transacted in the morning.

TO ELECTROCUTE GIANT NEGRO IN CHRISTMAS MONTH

Is First Death Sentence of Winter. Negro Killed Hoke County World War Hero.

(By International News Service.)

State Prison, Raleigh,—December the month of Christmas, will be marred by an electrocution in North Carolina, the first of the winter.

Hector Graham, giant Hoke county negro, is scheduled to be the 90th victim of the state's electric chair. He is under sentence to die on December 9 for the murder of Captain Paul Graham, Hoke county world Ware hero.

Denied a new trial by the State Supreme court, and refused a second reprieve by Governor McLean this week, the negro received the news that he must die with bitterness. Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges broke the news to the doomed black in his cell along death row.

"There's no chance for a nigger," Graham said bitterly. "If it'd been a white man they wouldn't have done anything to him. If it'd been a white man killed a nigger—"

Graham at his trial pleaded extreme provocation.

Graham will be one of the largest victims to be claimed by the electric chair in North Carolina. He tips the scales at around 200 pounds.

Mrs. Turner Age 77 Passes At Lawndale

Was Victim of Pneumonia. Funeral Sunday at Kistlers Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mary Jane Turner, aged 77, passed away at her home in Lawndale Saturday morning December 3. Mrs. Turner was seized with pneumonia several weeks ago, but on account of her advanced age, she was not able to withstand the malady.

Mary Jane Willis was born January 12th 1850. She had been a member of the Methodist church since childhood and had lived a devoted Christian life. At the age of 44 years she was married to A. C. Turner. They have always made their home in Lawndale and she was cherished by hundreds of friends throughout the county.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Kistlers Methodist Protestant church, of which her husband was a member. Rev. J. D. Morris conducting the funeral services. Burial was in Lucas cemetery, an old family plot near the church.

The deceased was survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Martha Jarrett of Shelby. Beautiful floral tributes reflected the love of her esteemed friends.

MOVE TO REORGANIZE MOUNTAIN KLAN LAUNCHED

Asheville. — Approximately 35 western North Carolina men attended a meeting held at Klansmen's hall recently in an effort to reorganize Asheville Kna No. 151.

Amos C. Duncan, imperial representative of the realm of North Carolina, and Klansman M. S. Belser, of the state office, were present. No details as to the success of the reorganization program were made public.

SNYDER-GRAY APPEAL TO BE HEARD WEEK OF DEC. 26

Albany, N. Y.—Hearing of a joint appeal for executive clemency for Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Snyder's husband, Albert, will take place probably some time during the week of December 26, Governor Smith announced today.

Charity Pleas Increase As Rough Weather Strikes Here

Many Homes Without Fuel and Numerous Children Shiver for Lack of Clothing.

Two days of steady rain and an increasing cold brought many rings of the telephone in the office of the county welfare worker—"Papa's gone, mama's sick, and we haven't any coal." That' the type of plea J. B. Smith hears as he tries to answer the calls of unfortunate Shelby people.

During the day you will find broken women climbing the steps to the welfare officer asking for "just a little help until the old man gets straightened up a bit. The children haven't any shoes and it's getting cold. The baby is threatened with pneumonia now."

How would you feel if those requests were directed to you and funds on hand were not equal to lending aid to every appeal? Did you know that there were such conditions here in Shelby—the trading center of a six million dollar cotton county?

Counting on Fund.

Welfare Officer Smith is counting heavily on The Star's Christmas fund. If there is ever a season of the year when he would like to lend a hand to all worthy calls it is the Christmas season, the time of the year when others are glad as they gather in family circles, banquet and live life at its best. Last year the Christmas charity fund sent many a package of clothing to unfortunate children, numerous tons of coal to empty coal bins, and food supplies galore to pantry that had been empty for weeks. Such was the fund that it lasted almost through the winter months and took care of the urgent appeals for several weeks.

This year it is up to you again.

The disagreeable snap last week added great suffering to those already pinched with poverty. Slowly the Christmas fund is growing, but Christmas day is approaching more rapidly than the fund grows. Why not do without a trinket for yourself and place the money in the fund where it will keep some tot from having pneumonia and give many more the first real meal in weeks? You'd enjoy it more than the trinkets.

Atta Boy!

Yesterday the fund was increased by a dollar—by several dollars for that matter, but this was a particular dollar.

Know how boys begin saving their money weeks before Christmas so that they might buy fireworks, candies, balloons, and other favorite playthings? To a boy who is "saving up for Christmas" a dollar means considerable. Yesterday one of these boys parted with his dollar. He may have to do without a few trinkets and he may not get to shoot a single firecracker, but when he came in and parted with the dollar and the pleasure it meant to him there was no regret written on his boyish face, but a smile instead. He had an inkling as to what his dollar would do and was glad to give it a chance. A year or so ago this boy was a Star carrier—and he still works for his money as he did that dollar—and while delivering his papers up one street and down another he saw many children he pitied. A newspaper boy has to make his rounds regardless of weather, and on snowy evenings no doubt he saw boys of his own age plunging about in the snow with shoes which had holes in the soles, with coats thread bare and elbows sticking out. No telling what all that former newsboys remembered. He had very little to say except "Here's a dollar for that fund. Don't tell 'em my name. Just put it down 'contributor' or something like that," and out he went.

That youngster will have a bigger Christmas than if he had another dollar to spend. Perhaps he will work a little harder and a little longer now and save another extra dollar to take its place. Hope he does.

By the way, there are scores of people about Shelby who have almost as many dollars, and maybe more, as that big-hearted boy has hairs on his head. Wonder if they too realize there are streets in Shelby where there is no shrubbery on the yard, no regular mowing of the lawns, no winter's supply of coal in the basement. Ask one of the doctors—one of those fellows who ply about at all hours of the night and in all kinds of weather and often get nothing for it except a grateful look from weak eyes that again see a ray of hope. They'll tell you that a Christmas fund properly distributed would mean much to Shelby. Many times they leave a prescription in a home and urge that the medicine be purchased and used, and a great many times the prescription is never filled because there is no money to pay the bill.

In your shopping rush don't forget that there are those who would be glad to have that which you pass by. Stick your bit of filling in Santa's stocking today.

SANTA'S STOCKING

Contributors to date are:

G. C. Smith	$1.00
Albert Suttle	$1.00
J. C. Hyder	$1.50
Snowflake Laundry	$5.00
A friend	$1.00
Edwin Ford	$1.00
Albert Suttle	$1.00
A contributor	$1.00
A bit o' help	$1.00
R. T. LeGrand	$10.00
Cleveland Star	$10.00
Miss Myrtle Norman	$1.00
T. C. Hitchcock	$5.00
From a lady	$1.00
J. D. Lineberger	$5

Add your name to the next list.

"For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, you have done it unto me.)

Complete No. 18 To Cleveland Line

Morganton—No. 18, the road between Morganton and Shelby, is now hard-surfaced from Morganton to the Cleveland county line, the work just recently completed. The construction is water-bound macadam, gravel and tar, and though it leads, for the most part, through a mountainous section, a very good grade was obtained. The section of road between Morganton and the State hospital was opened last week.

WEBB THEATRE IN TRADE LAST WEEK

Claude Webb Sells Show House to Brother J. E. Webb. New Owner In First of the Year

Formal announcement was made Saturday to The Star by Claude Webb, of the sale of the Webb theatre, of which he is the proprietor, to his brother, J. E. Webb.

The deal was the result of negotiations extending over two or three weeks.

The new owner will take charge the first of the year, at the expiration of the lease on the building held by Claude Webb. The latter will retire, temporarily at least, from active participation in the theatre business in Shelby.

He made it known that he quits the business, which he has found lucrative, with reluctance. He has been proprietor of the theatre for a period of about three years.

He and his brother, the new owner, opened the theatre as a partnership, following the purchase by J. E. Webb of the Methodist church property, which was remodeled for the cinema. The joint ownership continued for six months, when J. E. Webb retired, and subsequently opened a theatre in Kings Mountain. This he operated a year, leasing his holdings this fall and returning to Shelby.

The new proprietor has stated informally his intention of remodeling the building and enlarging the seating capacity. Whether it is his intention to do this at once, could not be learned.

Both men are well-known business figures in Shelby. Each has been successful in numbers of enterprises. During the three years of his proprietorship of The Webb, Mr. Webb has made of it one of the most popular and attractive show houses in the western part of the state, bringing the business up to high earning power.

CLAIMS HE CAN SEE THROUGH THE BODY

A French Doctor, Andre Tours, claims to have discovered a means of making the human body transparent, so that all the organs can be seen working as if through glass. He claims that his discovery will revolutionize surgery and medicine.

Tremendous interest has been aroused throughout France, and Dr. Tours has been invited to go to the United States.

He has determined, however, to give the medical men of his own country the first data about his discovery and afterwards to make it public to the world.

Shelby Boys Make All-State Eleven

On another page of today's paper is a news dispatch from Chapel Hill stating that two Shelby High football players were named on the official All-State high school eleven picked by Luther Byrd. The two Shelby stars are Laymon Beam and Joe Singleton. "Milky" Gold, another Shelby player, is named on the second team, giving Shelby three in all and ranking with any school in the state.

In Hero's Honor

Madame Nungesser, mother of the famous war ace who lost his life last spring in an attempt to fly from Paris to New York, is shown here with a check for 133,345 francs. It is part of her share in the American fund raised for the families of Nungesser and his companion, Coli.

CAR HITS TRAIN AT CROSSING IN RAIN STORM HERE

Train Gets Bumped for a Change And Lattimore Youth is in Hospital With Hurts.

The order of things was somewhat reversed here Saturday night when an automobile took a smash at a locomotive on the West Warren street railroad crossing just out of the Shelby business section. As usual, though, no matter which is the aggressor, the automobile came out second best.

As the result of the crash Alfred Waters, 18-year-old Lattimore youth, is in the Shelby hospital suffering with lacerations about the forehead and eyes and bruises about the chest and thigh. Two other boys, Cosby and Jones, also of the Lattimore community, were riding with Waters but receiving only bruises in the collision did not go to the hospital for treatment.

Rain Was Referee.

According to reports of the incident the touring car was moving along West Warrent just as the 'up Southern" was leaving the station around 8 o'clock. Due perhaps to the driving rain and wind the driver apparently did not see that the train was about and his car struck the locomotive amidship, as it is usually said when things are reversed and the locomotive hits the car.

A hospital report today stated that Waters apparently had suffered no very serious injuries and that his condition was not regarded as critical.

Shelby Girls Win Fine Cage Contest

The basket ball season at the high school got off to a propitious start here Friday night, when the girl's team, opposing the sextet from Bessemer City, put over what was described as the best game of their caree. The contest was staged in the "tin ,can" and despite the rainy night drew a crowd.

The locals came up from behind to win by a score of 32 to 21. At the close of the first half the Shelby girls were in the hole to the tune of ten to three. As play in the second half progressed they strengthened, and before the last quarter broke, were in the lead. It was a game that kept the spectators on their toes, and kept the "tin can" in an uproar of whoops and cheers.

Next Friday night the locals travel to Forest City with Coach Tollison to take one of the strongest teams in Western Carolina. The following Shelby girls participated in the Friday night fracas: Sarah Richburg, Elsie Gidney, Evelyn Beattie, Myrtle Richards, Louise Botts, Blanche Eaker, Junie Sparks, Dorothy Ellis, Ruth Waldrop, Helen James.

Aged Woman Doing "Fairly Well," Said

Mrs. Laura Prince, 79-year-old South Carolina woman, whose hip was broken in an auto collision near Shelby a week ago this evening, was reported as doing "fairly well" at the Shelby hospital today.

Mrs. Prince with other relatives and riding with a son from Hendersonville was en route to the so-called "faith healer" in Lincoln county when the crash took place on Brushy Creek bridge.

MOVEMENT STARTS TO MAKE DORTON N. C. FAIR MANAGER

County Fair Manager Considered Best Equipped Man In State For State Fair Secretary

A North Carolina man for a North Carolina job is the slogan of friends here who are boosting Dr. J. Sibley Dorton for the position of secretary and general manager of the next State Fair at Releigh. The movement became known here over the week-end when it was learned that the new board of directors of the State Fair would meet soon and name a secretary.

Dr. Dorton has been secretary and manager of the Cleveland County Fair, one of the south's leading fairs, since its organization and in the Piedmont and Western Carolinas is considered one of the best fair organizers and managers in the two states.

Starting with a subscribed stock of $17,000 Dorton has taken in around $50,000 at the fair gates since the fair was first opened. At present Cleveland county has the best-equipped fair grounds and buildings in the state, including one of the favorite half mile race tracks in the two states.

Each year attractions at the fair here proved superior to any ever shown at county fairs in the section and attendance records have each year smashed by thousands the average attendance record of county fairs. Kown as the "spark plug" of what showmen call the "best fair in the South" Dorton is one of the most capable and hardest workers ever seen in this section and those who know his enviable record with the county fair are sure he would put the State fair back on its feet and also on the map.

Basketball Quint Working Hard Now

Coaches Have Four Teams Struggling With Each Other for Lead Honors. Game Friday

The Shelby High school will likely have the best basketball quint in its history this year. Casey Morris in addition to a wealth of material has Tilden Falls directing the training of the boys and Coach Falls is an experienced cage instructor and was very successful at Lattimore.

Competition for the varsity quint has reached a heat never attained in any other sport here. The two coaches have four full teams with numerous substitutes and each day all four quints scrimmage with each other. At present, it is said, there is very little difference between the two first teams and not much more between the two others. As it is no one on the first quint is sure of a berth and with every player on three other teams fighting desperately to land a place on the varsity a great first-string quintet should result. In McSwain, Gold, Beam and Wall the Shelby coaches have four of the speediest and best floor performers in western high schools with a number of other likely stars.

The first game, it is understood, is billed for Friday night in the "tin can" with Caroleen furnishing the opposition. A good crowd of fans will be on hand to see the debut of the new quint, which is being talked so much.

Contagious Disease Light Over Country

Contagious disease is far from rampant in Cleveland county now, according to Dr. D. F. Moore, county health officer.

So far as can be learned no small pox has been reported to the county physician in some time. There are some cases of diphtheria and a scattered run of light scarlet fever cases, it is said. An epidemic of colds and influenza attacks following the recent cold spell is likely, physicians say.

M. M. O'SHIELDS HAS SEVERE STROKE

Out of a clear sky this morning, Mr. M. M. O'Shields, one of Shelby's most popular residents, was stricken with paralysis. So sudden was the attack that his family was rendered prostrate by the physician's verdict.

The malady attacked Mr. O'Shields on the right side. His condition was described as very serious.

In good health up to this morning, he attended church yesterday. The news of his collapse was the more surprising to his friends because of his previous robust physical condition.

The O'Shields family has lived in Shelby, on West Warren street, for seven or eight years, Mr. O'Shields himself being a traveling salesman.

The Remuses—in the Old Days

The trial of George Remus, former Cincinnati bootleg king, for the murder of his wife, Imogene, has been one of the most sensational legal battles in Ohio criminal history. The Remus family is pictured here as it was in the height of Remus' prosperity. Mrs. Remus has her arm about her husband. Behind her is her brother George Brown. In front of Remus sits Ruth, Remus' stepdaughter who was with her mother when she was killed.

Carolina's Week-End Toll

Two Men Freeze To Death In Cold Snap. One Drowns Trying To Escape Officer. Other Auto Victims.

A severe cold snap and the usual auto accidents extracted a toll of four lives in North Carolina over the week-end. A Durham insurance man was frozen in an icy stream, and a negro in Robeson county was frozen to death. An auto crash on a sleet covered road resulted in one death near Statesville, while a youth trying to escape from officers near Asheville was drowned in the French Broad river.

Drowns in Creek.

Durham, Dec. 4.—Submerged beneath the water of a little creek with only his head above the surface the body of W. J. Scott, insurance agent of this city, was found this afternoon on the lower end of South street. Some time during the early part of last night while trying to make his way to the city, he stumbled into water and was frozen to death. With the discovery of the body, hidden from sight by the water, the sleet and snow which covered him causing members of the police department to search twice before it was found.

Weather Victim.

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—At least one death in eastern North Carolina has been attributed to the severe cold weather last night. In Robeson county, a negro, Michael S. Carr, 45, was found dead this morning and Coroner D. W. Biggs, after examining the body reported that an inquest would not be necessary as it was evident the deceased died of natural causes, giving "freezing to death" as his personal belief as to the cause.

Escapes to Drown.

Asheville, Dec. 4.—Hotly pursued along the Marshall-Asheville highway that follows the banks of the French Broad river, two young men sought to elude members of the Madison county sheriff's department by stopping their car suddenly and leaping out. One of the fugitives landed against the bank and escaped up the mountain, but the other took to the French Broad river, swollen by nearly a week of constant rains. His body was recovered a short time later. The man who lost his life is believed to have been J. L. Davis, of Asheville, although this identification has not been verified as yet, by the officers here who are helping in the case. Eighteen gallons of liquor was found in the car, said to have been a stolen machine.

Austin Fatally Hurt.

Statesville, Dec. 4.—In an automobile crash occuring this afternoon about four o'clock on the Charlotte highway, two miles south of Statesville, one man was almost instantly killed and two men are in the Davis hospital here severely injured. Paul Waden, Statesville traveling salesman, was coming north in a Chrysler roadster, and Mack Austin and his brother, Roy Austin, of Statesville, were going south in a Ford touring car. The two cars ran together on a curve on the hard surfaced road, which was covered with melting snow. A few minutes later H. W. Watkins a passenger on a southbound bus, picked up the three injured men and brought them back to Statesville on first car coming this way. Roy Austin died before reaching the hospital. Paul Walden was found to have suffered concussion of the brain, remaining in a semi-conscious state tonight and his condition regarded as grave. Mack Austin has a fractured lower jaw and other severe injuries.

Strawberry Sale From Winter Crop

Rose Hill.—For the first time in a quarter of a century strawberries are being shipped from this point in winter. For several days past a few quarts have been moved daily, but last Wednesday a whole crate grown by Martin Carter was sold on the local market. It brought $15.

The berries were all grown in open fields without any protection from cold. They are of excellent flavor and much larger than those grown in season.

LINCOLNTON MAN BEATEN, ROBBED

Robbers Set Fire to Store and Merchant Barely Escaped With His Life.

Lincolnton, Dec. 4.—J. M. Smith, merchant and chief of the fire department, was clubbed, choked and robbed and his store set afire Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. He heard a peculiar noise in the back of the store. As he started to investigate the noise, someone pounced upon him with a club knocking him to the floor and choking him. Later Mr. Smith became conscious of smoke and fumes, crawling to the front door on hands and knees he cried for help. The fire department extinguished the flames and carried Mr. Smith to his home where medical attention was given.

Mr. Smith thinks that as soon as he was clubbed, the cash drawer was robbed and as the party escaped through a rear window where bars had been pushed off, they turned the kerosene tank over and set fire to the building.

About two weeks ago the store was robbed, the thief gaining entrance to the store in the same manner as was done in this case, which circumstances lead many to believe that the same party or parties committed both crimes.

MORE THAN FIVE INCHES OF RAIN IN RECENT DAYS

Twice as Much Rain Friday as During the Entire Month of November. Sleet and Cold.

The rain and sleet storm that struck this section Thursday night and held sway until Sunday brought the heaviest rainfall in recent months. On Friday alone more than twice as much rain fell as during the entire month of November. The rainfall Saturday also surpassed the rainfall of the entire preceding month.

The total rainfall of the cold, rainy period was 5.49 inches, according to a report made today by Postmaster J. H. Quinn at the Federal building, where a check is kept on the rainfall for the government. Friday, including Thursday night, saw the heaviest rainfall.

The rainfall is checked here every evening at 6 o'clock and by this plan the rain of that night figures in the rainfall of the following day. The first four days of December saw four times as much rain here as in November with several tubs to spare. The rainfall up until Sunday at 6 in the evening was as follows: December 1—.26 inches; December 2—2.75 inches; December 3—1.80 inches; December 4—.65 inches.

That Saturday Night.

The rain that started falling here Thursday continued through Thursday night and Friday with the temperature dropping Saturday and by Saturday night the weather was such that the night was termed "one of the worst ever experienced." A driving rain, a cold wind from the north and later sleet, made it almost impossible to travel and the streets were deserted except for those who had to travel.

Snow in Section.

A heavy sleet covered the ground Sunday morning and snow was reported in nearby sections, there being considerable snow at Kings Mountain, Blacksburg and Spartanburg, S. C., according to reports.

During the day Sunday the temperature eased up noticeably and the wind shifted from the north to the south. Monday started off fair, although somewhat cold, and the weather man promises fair weather for Tuesday with very little change in the temperature.

NEGRO USES GUN AT CAMP SUNDAY

Gets One in Arm and Chest and Shoots Through Trouser Leg of Other

A bit of gunplay at or near the road camp on Highway 18 in the Fallston section yesterday gave officers some trouble Sunday. As the result of having an active trigger-finger while alleged to be under the influence of liquor, Boney Perkins, a negro man, is being held in the county jail awaiting a hearing on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Reports here have it that Perkins "plugged" Charlie Fishback, another negro man, in the left arm and the bullet kept going and penetrated Fishback's chest, the ribs halting its journey. Another negro, whose name was not learned, has a bullet hole through one of his trouser legs as the result of the same trigger finger.

At the hospital today it was stated that Fishback was not in a critical condition because the ribs halted the bullet before it entered the chest proper. Perkins was scheduled for a hearing today on the drunk charge with the shooting case to come up when more was known of Fishback's wounds.

COTTON MARKET

(By Jno. F. Clark & Co)

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange:

December 19.20; January 19.20; March 19.42; Saturday's close December 19.54; January 19.50; March 19.70.

New York, Dec. 5.—London cable says Manchester reports are that situation in cloth market is more hopeful with inquiry broadening, although many bids are too low.

Worth street reports cloth market closed the week with a better tone, a number of mills held quotations firmer.

Moderate business Saturday. The week was featured by a number of confidential sales, a few of them in carload proportions.

Forecast fair. Look for rather narrow trading market awaiting government report Thursday.